



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 355**

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House Bill No. 6433

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2011*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-233d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-  
5 220, local and regional boards of education shall only be required to  
6 offer an alternative educational opportunity in accordance with this  
7 section. Any pupil under sixteen years of age who is expelled shall be  
8 offered an alternative educational opportunity during the period of  
9 expulsion, provided any parent or guardian of such pupil who does  
10 not choose to have his or her child enrolled in an alternative  
11 educational program shall not be subject to the provisions of section  
12 10-184. Any pupil expelled for the first time who is between the ages of  
13 sixteen and eighteen and who wishes to continue his or her education  
14 shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity if he or she  
15 complies with conditions established by his or her local or regional

16 board of education. Such alternative educational opportunity may  
17 include, but shall not be limited to, the placement of a pupil who is at  
18 least sixteen years of age in an adult education program pursuant to  
19 section 10-69, as amended by this act. Any pupil participating in an  
20 adult education program during a period of expulsion shall not be  
21 required to withdraw from school under section 10-184. A local or  
22 regional board of education shall count the expulsion of a pupil when  
23 he was under sixteen years of age for purposes of determining whether  
24 an alternative educational opportunity is required for such pupil when  
25 he is between the ages of sixteen and eighteen. A local or regional  
26 board of education may offer an alternative educational opportunity to  
27 a pupil for whom such alternative educational opportunity is not  
28 required pursuant to this section.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-69 of the general statutes is  
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
31 *1, 2011*):

32 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall establish and  
33 maintain a program of adult classes or shall provide for participation  
34 in a program of adult classes for its adult residents through  
35 cooperative arrangements with one or more other boards of education,  
36 one or more cooperating eligible entities or a regional educational  
37 service center pursuant to the provisions of section 10-66a. Such board  
38 of education may admit an adult to any public elementary or  
39 secondary school. No person enrolled in a full-time program of study  
40 in any local or regional school district may enroll in an adult education  
41 activity [without] unless (1) such person receives the approval of the  
42 school principal of the school in which such person is enrolled in such  
43 full-time program, or (2) such person is enrolled in an adult education  
44 activity as part of an alternative educational opportunity during a  
45 period of expulsion, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-  
46 233d, as amended by this act. Instruction: [(1)] (A) Shall be provided in  
47 Americanization and United States citizenship, English for adults with  
48 limited English proficiency and elementary and secondary school  
49 completion programs or classes; and [(2)] (B) may be provided in [(A)]

50 (i) any subject provided by the elementary and secondary schools of  
51 such school district, including vocational education, [(B)] (ii) adult  
52 literacy, [(C)] (iii) parenting skills, and [(D)] (iv) any other subject or  
53 activity.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-233d(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	10-69(a)

**ED**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill, which clarifies that a student attending adult education during an expulsion period is not required to withdraw from regular public school, clarifies existing law, and is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6433*****AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, an expelled student who is at least 16 years old may attend adult education as part of an alternative educational opportunity during the expulsion. This bill specifies that a student attending adult education during an expulsion period is not required to withdraw from regular public school in order to do so. Current law bars students who are enrolled in regular, full-time school programs from attending adult education classes without the approval of their school principals.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

**BACKGROUND*****Alternative Education Programs for Expelled Students***

With certain exceptions, school districts must offer alternative education programs to students who are expelled. For students between the ages of 16 and 18 who are expelled for the first time, the alternative education program may include placement in an adult education program. Districts are not required to offer an alternative education program to any student between the ages of 16 and 18 who is expelled for possessing a weapon or selling drugs on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/17/2011)